

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5058**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019**

**IMPORT/EXPORT OF WHITE POPPY SEEDS**

5058. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether white poppy seeds are being imported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and value of white poppy seeds imported into/exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of cultivators of poppy seeds in the country?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) & (b) India's Import and export of Poppy Seeds (HS Code: 12079100) quantity, value and country-wise for the last three financial years and the current year is at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.
- (c) Licences are issued to cultivators of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan every year for licit cultivation of opium poppy in the designated tracts. For this purpose, General Conditions of Licensing are notified every year by the Government.

Poppy seed is imported essentially to meet domestic demand. Further, import of poppy seed is subject to country restriction and can be imported only from 16 countries which are recognised as licit producers of poppy seeds. The importer shall have to produce an appropriate certificate from competent authority of the exporting country that poppy seeds have been grown legally in that country. Importers are required to compulsorily register their contracts with Central Bureau of Narcotics, Gwalior prior to import in accordance with guidelines issued by the Dept of Revenue which may, inter alia, include fixing of country caps, imposing quantitative restriction, if any, per importer.

## Import data of poppy seeds

Country	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)
CHINA P RP	2227.00	4.99	3619.00	7.93	3223.00	6.76
CZECH REPUBLIC			1339.10	4.00		
SPAIN			0.01	0.00002		
TURKEY	15840.00	39.09	3636.00	9.86	14958.00	39.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>18067.00</b>	<b>44.07</b>	<b>8594.10</b>	<b>21.79</b>	<b>18181.00</b>	<b>46.34</b>
<b>Note 1: The import figure is reported as 'NIL' for 2019-20 (April, 2019)</b>						

## Export Data of poppy seeds

Country	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (30th April, 2019)	
	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)	Quantity (TON)	Value (Mill. US \$)
U S A	52.26	0.6397	62.15	0.5881	41.32	0.4537	2.00	0.0215
CANADA	4.92	0.0402	9.75	0.0677	16.83	0.1099	1.01	0.0096
U K	3.98	0.0219	2.02	0.0142	6.66	0.0530	1.00	0.0047
AUSTRALIA	0.36	0.0041	6.81	0.0150	1.87	0.0156		
NEPAL	0.10	0.0008	1.36	0.0092	1.85	0.0078	0.10	0.0007
SOUTH AFRICA	0.74	0.0071	0.52	0.0051	0.57	0.0050		
HONG KONG	0.07	0.0006	0.13	0.0012	0.79	0.0045		
NEW ZEALAND	0.53	0.0053	0.39	0.0036	1.82	0.0045	0.37	0.0032
SRI LANKA DSR					0.55	0.0042		
YEMEN REPUBLC					0.75	0.0042		
MYANMAR					0.40	0.0033		
SEYCHELLES			0.33	0.0030	0.25	0.0029		
KENYA	0.28	0.0023	0.82	0.0051	1.33	0.0026	0.04	0.0005
SWITZERLAND	0.34	0.0036	0.11	0.0007	0.19	0.0019		
MALAYSIA	0.01	0.0001	0.12	0.0015	0.28	0.0018	0.05	0.0005
TANZANIA REP	0.10	0.0009			0.09	0.0016		
ANGOLA			0.08	0.0011	0.10	0.0013		
CONGO D. REP.					0.15	0.0010		
FIJI IS	0.08	0.0002			0.10	0.0007		
MALDIVES	0.51	0.0014	0.05	0.0005	0.15	0.0006	0.03	0.0003
NIGERIA	0.05	0.0003			0.03	0.0005	0.11	0.0002
CHILE					0.05	0.0004		
UGANDA	0.05	0.0005			0.05	0.0004		
JAPAN	0.28	0.0034			0.04	0.0003		
CAMEROON			0.00	0.0000	0.04	0.0003		
BOTSWANA					0.06	0.0003		
ZAMBIA					0.18	0.0003		
REUNION	0.05	0.0005	0.02	0.0002	0.02	0.0002		
MALAWI			0.02	0.0002	0.02	0.0002		
SWEDEN					0.01	0.0001		

SINGAPORE					0.01	0.0001		
CZECH REPUBLIC					0.00	0.0001		
TOGO					0.01	0.0001		
KYRGHYZSTAN			0.05	0.0004	0.01	0.0000		
GHANA					0.00	0.0000		
BHUTAN					0.00	0.0000		
PAPUA N GNA					0.00	0.0000		
BAHARAIN IS	0.04	0.0003						
BENIN			0.01	0.0001				
CAYMAN IS			0.03	0.0003				
CHINA P RP							0.05	0.0005
FRANCE							0.13	0.0015
GABON			0.01	0.0001				
GAMBIA			0.01	0.0000				
LIBERIA			0.00	0.0000				
MOZAMBIQUE			0.02	0.0002				
NETHERLAND			0.35	0.0037				
NETHERLANDANTIL			0.01	0.0002				
POLAND			0.04	0.0003				
SIERRA LEONE							0.01	0.0001
SPAIN	0.04	0.0004						
ST LUCIA	0.01	0.0000						
SURINAME			0.01	0.0000				
U ARAB EMTS			0.00	0.0000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.78</b>	<b>0.7337</b>	<b>85.21</b>	<b>0.7217</b>	<b>76.57</b>	<b>0.6832</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>0.0434</b>

**Note: Figures pertaining to the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20  
are Provisional and subject to changes**

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